

# Tribal Council

## Travel Report Narrative

For John Keshick

2013 Midwest Region Budget Meeting

February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Welch, Minnesota

Summary: Please see the attached material's from meeting.

This meeting was fast paced with no let up, otherwise a flood of info in a short span of time.

Overview of the Budget Process and Budget formulation Process was something I was familiar with having been to presentations by Michael Hughes Lobbyist consultant, the difference was Mike told you who the good guys were and who to avoid if possible if you were trying to move a funding or legislative request thru B.I.A or Executive or congress or O.M.B.

GPRA covered the importance of doing performance Reports and submitting them to the B.I.A. along with Strategic Plans.

Roads, the story was related to us the larger tribes with bigger reservations lobbied to have the formulation process changed and succeeded with larger reservations receiving more, smaller reservations like us receiving less.

Socials Services and Welfare: it was pointed out by the tribal C.F.O. that we don't receive these funds and why should we rate them high on priority list which lunched us into dialog on how everything is a priority in the budget.

Self-Governance: what come out of this was they get to use their funds where they want to and 638 do not. If you want to go there, there is no guarantee that you will receive the same amount of base funding that you currently have. Currently, no formulas are available. However, the folks that receive self-governance are very good at lobbying to further their funding.

TIBIC Reps Darrell Seki Sr. Treasurer, Red Lake and Mark Montano Director of Tribal Operations, Red Cliff explained that central office wanted the B.I.A. to rate Top 5 line item program s for 3 % increase and Top 5 Programs for 10 % increase along with a Top 3 budget Decreases 5 % { with a 1 = least impact. This set off a heated discussion with the end result being that Midwest

would submit what Diane Riesen of Mid-west Office required. Then the tribes would submit another with rating by category {OJS,}, [ Human Services ], { BIE, Scholarships. } [Trust- Natural Resources Management, Rights Protection Implementation, TMD, Wildlife and parks}. Along with a letter of support from Midwest tribes supporting TIBC to use the document in talks with central office. Please see attached rating and letter of support.

Also there was a list for hot issues on rez (see attachment) and a request for Success stories to submit with budget. Can include pictures.

Thanks for the opportunity to attend this meeting.

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